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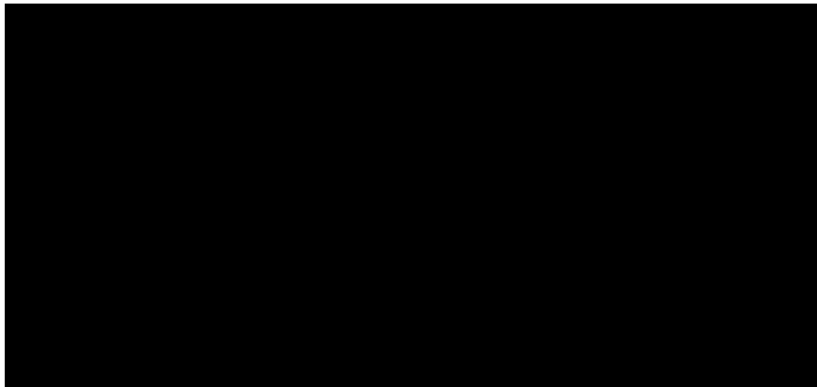
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DCI Conference Room
1500 hours

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3. [REDACTED] 25X1C
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A good example that I can give you of the Services Assistance which we give and receive is in the field of communications.

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And by the way, by arrangement with the State Department, we are responsible for providing communications facilities from many of the Embassies to Washington.

5. War Planning with the Military.

CIA has a dual role to fulfill in its overseas operations in wartime. Not only must it continue to serve national-level policy, in both the intelligence and covert operation fields, but it must also support the military in the same fields to assist military operations.

Concerning wartime support by CIA to military operations, we have a basic agreement with the Department of Defense, which defines the wartime organizational relationships between the CIA and military theatre commanders. Under this

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Command Relationships Paper.

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War planning and preparation involve development by the military commands of their wartime requirements for operational action by CIA, including espionage, counter-espionage and covert operations; analysis by CIA of the potential of its current assets to meet such requirements; initiation by CIA of preparations to increase our wartime capabilities to meet these requirements; and preparatory pre-war action by CIA to establish organizations which, in the event of war, can accomplish the assigned mission.

We must be able to do the following:

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6. Liaison

CIA's liaison with the military is continuous, is at all levels, is cordial, and is effective. Furthermore, it is done without "Liaison Officers". We do not consider that the military personnel on duty with this Agency are in any sense

of the world, "Liaison Officers" to or from the Military Services. They are all workers who are expected to do no more or less liaison than their civilian associates.

Take my own case for example. I am not the "military" Deputy to the Director but am rather the Deputy to the Director. I was selected from the military in order to bring certain characteristics to the Executive direction of the Agency. I actually do less "liaisoning" than many of our civilians. There is one exception to this however in that I personally habitually attend the normal Friday meetings between the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Senior officials from the State Dept. Only when I'm absent from the city do I send a substitute.

We come together with the Military on a number of boards and committees such as the "Operations Coordinating Board" of which you will hear more later, and

This letter is chaired by a CIA representative,

This summer when Sec. of Defense Wilson had his three day conference at Quantico, the Director was invited to attend. Actually I attended due to the absence of the Director from the city.

Periodically in this Agency we hold "Orientation Conferences" of several days duration for the benefit of recent employees and those returning from long overseas assignments. We have invited and received the attendance of numbers of Service Intelligence Officers.

All of these devices for "cross-fertilization" are, in our opinion, highly beneficial.

7. Outstanding Problems Not Resolved.

Naturally in dealing as we do with such complex issues and relationships, there are many day-to-day problems to be resolved. By and large these problems are faced-up to and satisfactorily settled as we go along.

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On 5 November the Director is holding a meeting with the Service Intelligence Chiefs to discuss our proposal of 24 June. The CIA position is: essentially to recognize that Theater Commanders may have requirements for clandestine collection. But -- such operations as they conduct must be coordinated by the Director of Central Intelligence or his field representative. However, in the event that the Theater Commander considers that a particular action is immediately necessary for the security of his forces, or the accomplishment of his mission, and time does not permit referral to Washington, he is authorized to proceed pending resolution, even though the CIA Representative should consider it potentially harmful to the overall intelligence effort.

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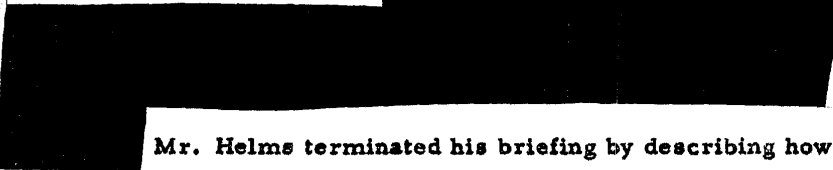
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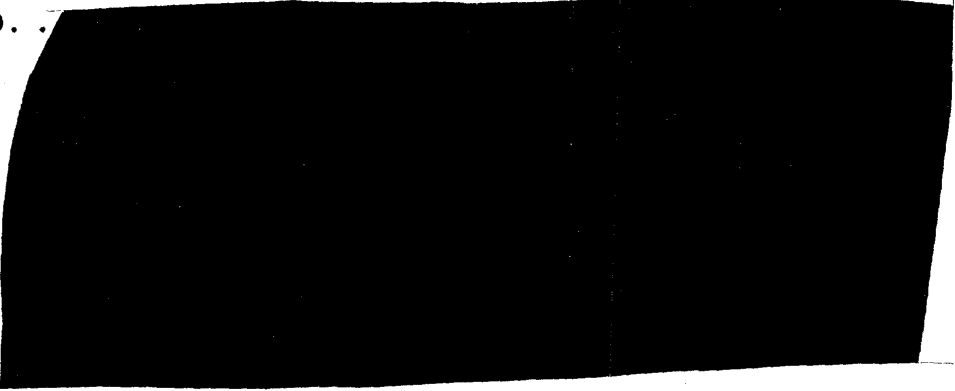
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5. War Planning with the Military.

CIA has a dual role to fulfill in its overseas operations in wartime. Not only must it continue to serve national-level policy, in both the intelligence and covert operation fields, but it must also support the military in the same fields to assist military operations.

Concerning wartime support by CIA to military operations, we have a basic agreement with the Department of Defense, which defines the wartime organizational relationships between the CIA and military theatre commanders. Under this Command Relationships Paper,

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War planning and preparation involve development by the military commands of their wartime requirements for operational action by CIA, including espionage, counter-espionage and covert operations; analysis by CIA of the potential of its current assets to meet such requirements; initiation by CIA of preparations to increase our wartime capabilities to meet these requirements; and preparatory pre-war action by CIA to establish organizations which, in the event of war, can accomplish the assigned mission.

We must be able to do the following:

- (1) Conduct behind-the-lines sabotage to impede an enemy advance.
- (2) Operate escape and evasion lines to exfiltrate military or other personnel from enemy territory.
- (3) Serve as cadres or focal points for expansion by the overt military forces into large scale resistance and guerrilla elements.
- (4) Conduct such other clandestine activities as may be beyond the range, capability, or mission of the military forces.


6. Liaison

CIA's liaison with the military is continuous, is at all levels, is cordial, and is effective. Furthermore, it is done without "Liaison Officers". We do not consider that the military personnel on duty with this Agency are in any sense

of the world, "Liaison Officers" to or from the Military Services. They are all workers who are expected to do no more or less liaison than their civilian associates.

Take my own case for example. I am not the "military" Deputy to the Director but am rather the Deputy to the Director. I was selected from the military in order to bring certain characteristics to the Executive direction of the Agency. I actually do less "liaisoning" than many of our civilians. There is one exception to this however in that I personally habitually attend the normal Friday meetings between the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Senior officials from the State Dept. Only when I'm absent from the city do I send a substitute.

We come together with the Military on a number of boards and committees such as the "Operations Coordinating Board" of which you will hear more later, and



This summer when Sec. of Defense Wilson had his three day conference at Quantico, the Director was invited to attend. Actually I attended due to the absence of the Director from the city.

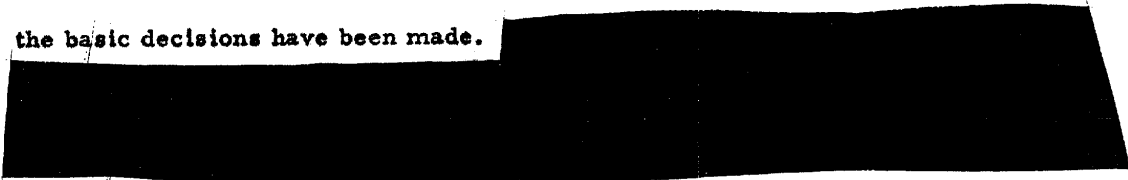
Periodically in this Agency we hold "Orientation Conferences" of several days duration for the benefit of recent employees and those returning from long overseas assignments. We have invited and received the attendance of numbers of Service Intelligence Officers.

All of these devices for "cross-fertilization" are, in our opinion, highly beneficial.

7. Outstanding Problems Not Resolved.

Naturally in dealing as we do with such complex issues and relationships, there are many day-to-day problems to be resolved. By and large these problems are faced-up to and satisfactorily settled as we go along.

There is one problem which has dragged along without definitive solution, after the basic decisions have been made.



Hence it has been agreed and directed that Defense assume the responsibility for them. The consummation of the passage is being delayed inordinately we believe because of minor difficulties.

Another problem which legitimately requires a longer time for solution is the working-up of realistic military requirements for unconventional warfare support by CIA to the theaters, post D-Day. We don't know of any practical way of moving any faster in that field.

The major unresolved problem with the military, and in particular with the Service Intelligence Agencies, is that of the so-called "Agreed Activities". This has dragged-on for years and is now becoming progressively acute. I merely want to alert you to the problem here today; you will hear more of it later.

The problem is this: By NSCID-5 issued in August, 1951, CIA was assigned the responsibility for: foreign espionage and counterespionage except for certain "agreed activities" by other agencies. To date there has been no meeting of the minds as to what these agreed activities are and how they should be conducted.

The Services are increasing their own facilities for such operations -- essentially, the clandestine collection of Intelligence by agents -- with inadequate arrangements for their coordination. The risk of harm befalling overall U.S. Intelligence due to these uncoordinated operations is becoming too great for comfort.

On 5 November the Director is holding a meeting with the Service Intelligence Chiefs to discuss our proposal of 24 June. The CIA position is: essentially to recognize that Theater Commanders may have requirements for clandestine collection. But -- such operations as they conduct must be coordinated by the Director of Central Intelligence or his field representative. However, in the event that the Theater Commander considers that a particular action is immediately necessary for the security of his forces, or the accomplishment of his mission, and time does not permit referral to Washington, he is authorized to proceed pending resolution, even though the CIA Representative should consider it potentially harmful to the overall Intelligence effort.

We hope to make progress along these lines at Friday's meeting.